

REMARKS

If the Amendment of February 17, 2006, has not been entered, Applicant respectfully requests that the February 17 Amendment be entered prior to the entry of this Amendment.

Claims 1, 2, 4-45 and 47-92 are all the claims pending in the application.

Independent claims 1, 43 and 78 have been modified.

The image distributing system as set forth in claim 1 comprises an image selecting terminal and an output processing unit. The claimed image selecting terminal displays a list of images collected by the image collecting unit to a user so that the list of images can be selected by the user. An illustrative, non-limiting embodiment of this feature is shown in Fig. 15 and described at page 30, lines 15-25, of the Specification. The non-limiting embodiment of image selecting terminal 50 allows a user to select his or her preferred images (i.e., the check marks in Fig. 15 indicate images that have been selected) from the list of displayed images obtained by a search based on a selecting condition appointed by the user.

Claim 1 also recites an output processing unit that outputs the images elected by the user from the list of images as displayed. A non-limiting embodiment of the output processing unit is disclosed at page 20, lines 15-17, of the Specification and output processing unit 100 outputs the selected images appointed by the image selecting terminal 50 to, for example, an appointed output medium.

Independent claims 43 and 78 have been amended to recite similar features.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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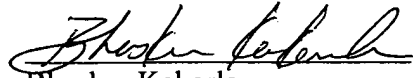
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